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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

MODERATOR :

J. T. BLAND, Burgaw, N. C,

VICE-MODERATOR :

J. J. PAYSEUR, Atkinson, N. C.

CLERK :

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CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father. and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ. We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love. to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion, to religiously educate our children. to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances. to walk circumspectly in the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all talking, backsliding, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further engago to watch over one another in brotherly love. to remember each other in prayer. to aid each other in sickness or distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech. to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant and principles of God's Word.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1.—This Association shall be denominated and known as the WILMINGTON ASSOCIATION.

ART. 2.—The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

ART. 3.—This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church, chosen from her membership assembled in conference.

ART. 4.—The delegates from each church shall bear a Letter certifiying their appointment and communicating information relative to the state of the church: Provided, however, that when any church has prepared a Letter, and through inadvertence the Letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ART. 5.—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and Vice Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members, by ballot, by majority of its members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected. No Moderator shall be eligible to office for more than four years consecutively.

ART. 6.—It shall be the business of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7.—It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and distribute the same as ordered by this Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9.—The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of five members, who shall co-operate with the State Board so far as practicable in the mission work within our bounds, and during the interval between the sessions of this body, take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, making annual reports of their work to the Association, which report, together with that on State Missions, shall be the first business of the second day of the session. Further, that our missionaries shall report their work quarterly to Executive Committee in order that said committee shall be prepared to make full roport of their work to this body.

ART. 10.—The committees on permanent work of this Association shall be appointed to report at the succeeding session of the Association.

ART. 11.—The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to observe Gospel order.

ART. 12.—The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats; and extend to them the privilege of the body, except that of voting.

ART. 13.—The annual session of this Association shall commence on Wednesday after the first Lord's day in November, at such place as may be chosen.

ARL. 14.—By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 15.—This Constitution may be amended at an annnal session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1.—On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceeding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Vice Moderator shall preside.

2.—Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises to be opened by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3.—At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.

4.—The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5.—Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6.—No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7.—All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8.—No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9.—When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, to commit, to postpone to a definite time; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10.—After a motion has been decided any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11,—No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the Minutes.

12.—All questions except such as relate to the constitution shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13 —The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14.—The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1—Calling the Roll of Churches and enrolling Delegates.
2—Election of Officers.
3—Calling of Petitionary Letters.
4—Appointment of Committees.
5—Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6—Reports of Standing Committees.
7—Reports of other Committees.
8—Report of Treasurer.
9—Miscellaneous Business.
10—Incidental and routine motions shall be in order at any time.
11—Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS.

DOUGHTON, N. C., Nov. 5th, 1902.

The Wilmington Association met this day in its second annual session, with the Long Creek Baptist Church, at 11 A. M., Wednesday, November 5, 1902.

Rev. J. A. Smith preached the Introductory Sermon, after which a recess was taken for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 1:30.

The Moderator appointed a Finance Committee consisting of Brethren N. R. Croom, J. W. Wheeler and J. A. Blanchard, and the roll of Churches was then called and the delegates enrolled as follows:

Barlow's Chapel—R. S. Atkinson.
Bethlehem—W. C. Keith, A. L. Pridgen.
Berea—D. H. Murray, T. W. Stalling.
Blackwell's Chapel—C. C. Potter, J. W. Wheeler.
Burgaw—J. A. Blanchard, J. T. Bland, Robert Batts.
Brooklyn—J. L. Vipperman, D. L. Gore, H. L. Peterson.
Caswell—Wm. Malpass, A. B. Rooks.
Caintuck Chapel—By Letter.
Catherine Lake—N. A. Shelly, J. Marshburn.
Delgado—J. W. Wheeler.
Emma's Chapel—J. B. Cavenaugh, Loyd Scott.
Haw Bluff—J. B. Barnhill.
Jacksonville—By Letter.
Long Creek—G. A. Herring, D. S. Bell, A. D. Bordeaux.
Masonboro—R. H. Hewlett, Addison Hewlett.
Moore's Creek—N. R. Croom, Eugene Conkeil.
Mount Holly—Isaiah Carroll.
Olive Branch—Thomas K. Woody, E. R. Rhew.
Olivet—Benj. Ward, S. A. McAlister, F. C. Sheperd.
Providence—J. R. Marshall.
Riley's Creek—W. W. Larkins, Robert Barnhill, D. W. Walker.
Shiloh—A. T. Herring, H. A. Bland, C. C. Woodcock.
Salem—Benj. Ward.
Southside—C. B. Paul, L. Bryant, J. W. Bryant.
Tar Landing—D. N. Page, Henry King.
Teachey's—By Letter.
Willard—A. Turner.

Wilmington—C. S. Blackwell, J. R. Marshal, C. D. Weeks.
Well's Chapel—L. R. Highsmith.

On motion letter from Bethlehem Church was laid on the table.

On motion the Association dispensed with the reading of Church Letters for the present.

By motion rules were suspended and Secretary cast ballot of Association for J. T. Bland as Moderator; J. J. Payseur, Vice-Moderator; Addison Hewlett as Clerk, and R. S. Atkinson as Treasurer of Association.

Letters asking admission into the Association were read from Well's Chapel, Providence and Colvin's Creek, all of which were admitted.

Motion carried to suspend the rules and hear report on State Missions, whereupon R. H. Hewlett submitted and read the following report:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions lies at the foundation of all our work. It is the base of supplies on which we are to draw, the invested capital on which we operate. Every dollar put into State Missions this year will be paid back into our denominational treasury, and besides a good per cent on the investment. Every mission station which grows into a self-sustaining church adds to our denominational strength.

At least three-fourths of the money contributed to the objects of our Convention comes from Churches, which were aided at sometime in their history, by the State Mission Board.

But there is a more important consideration in regard to the work of State Missions. The gospel is preached in destitute sections, where it could not be preached without the aid of the Board. On these destitute fields precious souls are won to Christ year by year. Last year two thousand conversions were reported by the missionaries of our Board; this year even greater results are expected.

We are operating this year on a basis of $25,000. We have a hundred missionaries at work in several sections of the State. The Board could use twice as much money as it now has at its disposal, and not misappropriate a penny, for twice as many missionaries as are now employed could not supply the destitution in the State.

R. H. HEWLETT,
N. A. SHELLEY,
D. L. GORE,
Committee.

Motion to adopt report.

Brother L. Johnston, Secretary of State Missions, spoke to the report.

Cash collection, amounting to $3.38, was taken and turned over to Brother Johnston.

Motion to postpone further consideration of report until to-morrow. Carried.

On motion by D. L. Gore, business was suspended that Brother J. D. Hunter might address the body on education.

Committee on Devotional Exercises report:

Devotional exercises will be conducted to-morrow morning by Rev. J. W. Wheeler at 9.30 o'clock.

Rev. J. L. Vipperman will preach at the stand in the afternoon.

Benediction by Brother Bryant.

Association adjourned.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by Brother J. W. Wheeler.

At 10 A. M. the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Roll was called and letters from churches not represented first day were brought forward.

Brethren L. R. Highsmith and Vanhoit were appointed Reading Clerks and letters were read.

Brethren Isaiah Carroll. R. H. Hewlett and C C. Woodcock were appointed Committee on Time and Place.

The following visiting brethren were welcomed by the Moderator: J. W. Cobb in the interest of the Biblical Recorder, S. F. Conrad for the North Carolina Baptist, and Brother Vanhoit from the Eastern Association.

On motion the report on State Missions was again taken up and D. L. Gore submitted and read the report of Executive Committee.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, the Executive Committee, beg leave to report that we sent Bro. J. D. Hocutt, one of our Committee, over the Onslow field to reconnoitre the situation. He made an exhaustive report concerning the matter, which was read before the Union meeting at Willard, and discussed pro. and con, and the following plan proposed:

(1)—That we will, in so far as we can, supply the destitution within our own bounds, in harmony and co-operation with the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools of the Baptist State Convention, as set forth by Article 9 of our Constitution.

(2)—That the mission work thus inaugurated we will call the Associational Mission Work of the Wilmington Association, in order to distinguish it from the general mission work of our State Convention, known as State Missions, thereby saving confusion in our work, especially in collecting and disbursing, by our Churches of Mission funds.

(3)--That we will ask the Churches at the Association to make pledges to the support of this work.

(4)—That we will ask the Churches thus pledging to redeem the same by taking their collections at regular intervals during the year and forward the same to our Treasurer, Bro. R. S. Atkinson, Sloop Point, N C.

(5)—That in starting this work we will undertake the first year to sustain the work among the Churches in Onslow County, viz: Jacksonville, Tar Landing, Catherine Lake, Richlands and Maple Hill, including what the missionary can raise on the field, to the amount of $600.00. Also, that we will put the Colporter in the field to work at large in the Association, at a salary, including what he can make by the sale of books and other literature, of $40 00 per month.

(6)—That if at the Association our Churches do not pledge enough to support the work thus outlined, we will ask our Board of State Missions at Raleigh to supplement the same with a sufficient amount to do this work.

(7)—That we will make an annual report in full of our work, in-

cluding collections and disbursements of funds, and the amount of work done by the missionary and Colporteur on the field, to the Association as is also required by Article 9 of our Constitution, that the same may enter into the general statistics of the denomination.

We have nothing more to add. except we think the Onslow field will pay its pastor as much as three hundred dollars, and that while we think the Colporteurs should sell the books and tracts at about cost we think he could collect as much as eighty dollars on his field, so that would leave us about seven hundred dollars for the balance of the Association to raise. We hereby ask the Churches to pledge their proportionate part of this amount, and pay the same monthly to the Treasurer of the Association. As for the men suitable for the work, we have been casting about and have about centered on the men.

Before closing we wish to commend Brother N. A. Shelly for his faithful services on a portion of the Onslow field this year.

Respectfully submitted.

D. L. GORE,
Chairman of Committee.

Pending the adoption of the report Brethrens D, L. Gore, Vanhoit, N. A. Shelly, B. Ward, C. B. Paul, J. D. Hocutt, C. S. Blackwell, M. C. Walton, R. H. Hewlett and J. A. Smith spoke to report.

Association adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled. Moderator in the chair.

The report of the Executive Committee was again taken up. Motion carried that the roll of Churches be called and pledges taken for the work prescribed by the Executive Committee. The roll having been called and the amounts pledged found to be insufficient, motion was made that the Executive Committee apportion the required amount to the Churches.

This report and also the report on State Missions were then adopted.

Committee on Time and Place report:

The next session of the Association will be held at Bethlehem Church, Pender County, Tuesday after second Sunday in October, 1903.

Introductory Sermon—Rev. J. L. Vipperman.

Missionary Sermon—Dr. C. S. Blackwell.

R. H. HEWLETT, for Committee.

Report adopted.

Report on Orphanage submitted and read by W. J. Hollingsworth.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Orphanage commenced operations the first of November, 1884,—eighteen years ago. The plant now consists of nineteen brick buildings and three good wooden buildings besides the barn and stables. The farm contains 350 acres of land. We have on it six head of mules and horses, about twenty-five head of cattle and a moderate sized stock of hogs. The plant is easily worth $50,000.

In the General Manager's annual report for 1901 the statement was made that during the past six years we have added to our plant improvements to the amount of $25,000. Since that time at least $3,000 has been added. Of the above named buildings, six are dormitories, four of these each having dining and cook rooms attached. In each of

these dormitories there is a teacher and a matron, which makes twelve employees.

Since the Orphanage was established in 1884 there have been 721 orphans admitted. There are present to day 209, which shows that about five hundred have gone out from the Institution. Many of these have taken good and honorable positions. But with all that we have not met the demands, and the cry has been all the while for more room. We have a building now about ready to be occupied; that, however, has been delayed from one cause and another for several months, during which time an accumulation of fifty or more applications have occurred. We have enough applications to-day to fill the new building, and they still come. A distressing situation is constantly before us of a number of worthy applications that we cannot take for lack of room.

We recommend to our Sunday Schools the plan of taking one collection each month for the Orphanage, and call attention to the favorable terms upon which "Charity and Children" may be obtained in clubs of ten or more. We urge that our Churches increase their contributions to this worthy object of our love and care, in view of the greater work before the institution.

W. J. HOLLINGSWORTH,
A. T HERRING,
E. Z. MILTON. } Committee.

Report adopted.

The report on Ministerial Relief was submitted and read by M. C. Walton.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

Your Committee beg leave to report that there are those who have worn themselves out preaching the gospel. We are not prepared to give the number of preachers who are now receiving help from this source; but we do know that the need of this work is great. Therefore we earnestly request the pastors of this Association to ask their Churches for at least one collection during the year for this important cause.

M. C. WALTON,
D. N. PAGE,
ISAIAH CARROLL. } Committee.

Moderator appointed Brethren G. A. Herring, A. B. Rooks and Isaiah Carroll a Committee to nominate Executive Committee and State Representatives.

The Association adjourned till 9.30 Friday.

S. F. Conrad pronounced the benediction.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by C. B. Paul, after which Moderator called the Association to order.

Roll of Churches called and minutes of previous day read and approved.

Report on Ministerial Education was read by J. L. Vipperman.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

In recognition of the transcendent importance of Ministerial Education be it therefore Resolved,

(1) That we thank God for their high calling and heroic services.

(2) That we re-affirm our loyalty toward our beloved Wake Forest College and urge our people to support liberally this great College.

(3) That we recognize the worthiness of the pure and God-called man of a liberal and benevolent consideration.

(4) That we emphasize the transcendent importance of Ministerial Education in all our Churches.

(5) That we pray the Lord to send more laborers into His vineyard.

J. L. VIPPERMAN, N. R. CROOM. } Committee.

Brethren Paul and Bryant spoke to report.

Report adopted.

Committee to nominate Executive Committee report.

For Executive Committee of the Wilmington Association: D. L. Gore, D. J. Corbett. J. D. Hocutt, H. A. Bland, D. N. Page.

ISAIAH CARROLL, for Committee.

Report adopted.

Moderator appointed J. L. Vipperman, C. B. Paul and R. H. Hewlett Associational Delegates to the State Convention.

Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

Home Missions—R. H. Hewlett. S. C. McAllister, J. B. Barnhill.

Foreign Missions—C. S. Blackwell, A. L. Pridgen, A. T. Herring.

State Missions—J.. L Vipperman, J. D. Hocutt, S. Blossom.

Ministerial Education—C. B. Paul, I. Carroll. J. A. Blanchard.

Ministerial Relief—M. C. Walton, G. A. Herring, H. A. Bland.

Periodicals and Religious Literature—J. J. Payseur. J. D. Hocutt, George W. Walker.

Orphanage—J, R. Marshall, W. C. Keith, A. B. Rooks.

Temperance—Benj. Ward, H. L. Peterson, F. C. Shepard.

Sunday Schools—R. H. Hewlett. C B. Paul, J. S. Canady.

Report on Foreign Missions was submitted and read by J. L. Vipperman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in May, 1845, and is located in Richmond, Va.

The purpose of the Board is to devise ways and means by which the blessed Gospel of the Son of God might be given to all the world. We have now on foreign mission fields about 300 missionaries, of which about 175 are native assistants. Our missionaries are doing work in Italy, Mexico, Brazil, China, Africa and Japan. We have about 140 Churches on foreign fields, with a membership of about eight thousand, besides 41 day schools with 1,012 scholars and 65 Sunday Schools with 2,512 scholars. We would suggest that we by no means fail to sustain loyalty to our Foreign Mission work. We would heartily recommend our Foreign Mission Journal.

J. L. VIPPERMAN, for Committee.

J. L. Vipperman and Bryant spoke to report.

Report adopted.

Report on Home Missions read by Dr. Blackwell.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions would report that in view of the vast field of the Home Board's operation we would most heartily recom-

mend it to every church for a liberal collection. It is bounded on the North by the Mason and Dixon line, on the West by the Indian Territory and the Rio Grande; on the South by the Gulf of Mexico and on the East by the Atlantic Ocean, and the northern half of Cuba thrown in.

On this field we support above 700 men, who baptized last year 11,400 persons. Texas alone needs every dollar of the $90,000 contributed last year. So far this year North Carolina has sent up only $7,000; only about four cents a piece from each of us. How much has your Church given?

C. S. BLACKWELL,
A B. ROOKS,
M W. TEACHEY.
Committee.

Dr. Blackwell spoke to report.

Report adopted.

R. H. Hewlett submitted and read the report on Sunday Schools.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Whereas, we believe by experience that the Sunday School is the nursery of the Church, and that God's word enjoins upon us to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; therefore we believe that we are under obligations both to God and to them to earnestly engage in this work.

And we do earnestly beg that the parents of this Association will see to it that not only their children but they themselves attend to this their Christian duty.

We ask that this Association appoint a Committee to arrange for a Sunday School Institute to be held some time during the next spring.

R. H. HEWLETT,
C. B. PAUL.
Committee.

Brethren Vanhoit, C. S. Blackwell, C. B. Paul and J. A. Smith spoke to report.

Report adopted.

Motion by Dr. Blackwell that the Committee on Sunday Schools be continued and that they be instructed to arrange for a Sunday School Institute to be held at some place, sometime during the Spring of the ensuing year.

At noon business of the Association was suspended and a sermon was preached by Dr. Blackwell, after which a collection was taken up amounting to $4.33 and turned over to Treasurer for State Missions.

Benediction by Brother Bryant.

FRIDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order by Moderator at 2 P. M.

In absence of Committee on Temperance Brother J. R. Marshall submitted and read the following report:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The great cause of intemperance is too well known to our people for your Committee to elaborate on that subject, therefore we briefly recommend that every Christian in this Association shall be expected to

advocate total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors. Any member of the Church who shall patronize bar-rooms or persist in habitual liquor drinking shall be dealt with by the Church in the usual biblical way of discipline.

J. R. MARSHALL, for Committee.

Brother S. F. Conrad spoke to the report.

Report adopted.

On motion of Dr. Blackwell the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Pastors of the different Churches take a collection, as soon as possible, at their Churches and forward the same to Brother Durham in pyment of the pledge for this Association to the educational fund.

On motion of Brother Paul a committee was appointed to formulate a church letter blank and hand same to Clerk to be printed. Brethren D. L. Gore, J. L. Vipperman and C. S. Blackwell constituting the Committee.

Brother R. S. Atkinson, Treasurer, submitted and read his report.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Nov. 14, 1901—Received	of Association at Burgaw	$ 7 69
" "	of Church at Catherine Lake	1.12
July 20, 1902— "	of Union at Riley's Creek	24.34
Sept. 4, 1902— "	of Union at Willard	7.55
Total amount received		$40.70
Dec 3, 1901—Paid to Walter Durham		8.81
Sept. 4, 1902—Paid to J. D. Hocutt		18.40
Total amount paid out		27.71
Total amount on hand		12.99

The report of Finance Committee was read by N. R. Croom.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

State Missions	$ 23.75
Home Missions	25.75
Foreign Missions	27.98
Orphanage	31.88
Education	11.75
Ministerial Relief	12.76
Sunday Schools	2.65
Minute Fund	20.56
Total for all objects	$157.08

N. R. CROOM,
J. A. BLANCHARD,
J. W. WHEELLR.
Committee.

These reports were adopted.

Motion by Brother Paul that the Treasurer pay the Missionaries who are employed by this Association out of money on hand and send receipt to Brother Johnson. Motion carried.

It was ordered by the Association that the State Mission money on hand be paid to Brother N. A. Shelly.

The following resolution was offered by Brother J. L. Vipperman:

Resolved, That we extend to this Church and community our profound gratitude for the exceeding great kindness of this people to us during the session of this body. They have spread their tables and opened their homes and extended to us hospitality which demands the high gratitude of a grateful people.

Motion carried that the Treasurer send on money for different objects.

Rev. C. S. Blackwell was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention. D. L. Gore was elected alternate.

On motion the Association ordered that Gospel Mission money sent up to the Association be forwarded to brother D. W. Herring.

Motion carried that the Clerk be allowed $10.00 per year for his services, same to come out of the Minute Fund.

The Minute Fund being short, a collection was taken to raise the deficit. $2.50 was collected.

The business of the Association finished. The Moderator asked brother S. F. Conrad to dismiss the Association with prayer. After which the second annual session of the Wilmington Association adjourned to meet with the Bethlehem Baptist Church, Tuesday after second Sunday in October, 1903.

J. T. BLAND, Moderator.
ADDISON HEWLETT, Clerk.

NOTE.—There being no Letter blanks this year, full statistics of all the Churches were not given.

CLERK.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Gospel Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Relief.	Poor.	Other Objects	Minute Fund.	Pastors Salary	Improvements.	Other Church Expenses.	Baptist Female University	Totals.	Present Indebtness.	Value Church Property
Barlow's Chapel	10 04	5.15	11.00		7.75		3.10			1.72	120.00				679.41		1000.00
Berea		1.00		1 00	1.50					50	125.00				129.00		300.00
Bethlehem	7.65	5.75	7.75	25.00	6.48	2.00	2.25			1.25	125.00				156.00		500 00
Blackwell's Chapel		1.25	1.25			1.25					25.00						300.00
Burgaw	4.69	2.00		52.00	5.00	1.50	2.00			1.24	136.00	10 50	5.00		215.00		1400.00
Broyklyn	1.00	1.00	1.00		1.00	1.00	75			50					914.00		6500.00
Caintuck Chapel	10.00	3.00	15.00		5.00	3.00	3.00			1.00	125.00				165.00		350.00
Caswell	4.44		5.82		6.00			11.61	1.45	60	125.00				155.00	21.00	800.00
Cathrine Lake	2.00	2.00	2.00		2.00	2 00	1.00			50	39.00				50,00		700.00
Castle Haynes																	
Colvins Creek																	
Delgado											30 00						
Emma's Chapel	1.00	2.00	4.00		2.00	1.00	1.00			1.00	50.00				65.00		300.00
Haw Bluff	2.50	1.00	2 00		1.00	1.00	1.00		12.56	75	60.00	2.50	2.50		85.00	15.00	400.00
Jacksonville	2.00	1.00	1.00		2 00		1.00			1.00	74.69	4.00	9.00		96.00		1500.00
Long Creek	1.00	1.00		18.00		1.00	1 30			30	100.00	25.00	5.00		150.00		500.00
Masonboro	3.80	1.00		25.00	3.80		1.00	15.00	30.00	1.00	120.00	1.20			250.00	70.00	750.00
Moore's Creek	5.00	1.00	4.00	12.00	5.00		1.00			75	125.00				153.00		500.00
Mount Holly	1.00		65	35	1.15					40					3.55		300.00

Olive Branch	5 50	2.00	3.00		2,00	2.00	1.00			50	120.00				136.00		250.00
Olivet	8.10				1.90					50	40.60				50.00		450.00
Providence	1.00	1.00	1.00		1.00		1.00			50					5.50		350.00
Riley's Creek	2.50	2.50		2.00	2.50				1.00	50	100 00				111.00		650.00
Shiloh	2.00	1.00	65	30.00	2.50					30					36.00		300.00
South Side	46.00	15.00	20.00		20.00		5.00	19.46	252.00	2.00	600.00	93.00			985.00	522.00	2000.00
Salem	5.00		65		3.00			5.00			50.00				63.00		450.00
Tar Landing	25	25			25	25				25	32.45	30.00			64.00		400.00
Teachey's																	
Well's Chapel																	
Wilmington	20.00	37.50	39.50		25.00		5.00	225.00	8 00	4.00	1800.00			100.00	3230.00		40000 00
Willard	2.00	2.00	1.00		2.00	1.00	1.00			75	100.00				109.75		800 00
	149 47	89 40	108.87	165.35	109.83	17.00	31.00	276.07	295.01	20.81	4622.00	285 00	21.50	100.00	5656.51	628.00	59650.00

DENOMINATIONAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	ADDITIONS			LOSSES.			MEMBERSHIP.			ORDAINED MINISTERS.	LICENTIATES.
	Baptisms	Letter.	Restored.	Died.	Excluded	Letter.	Males.	Females.	Total		
Barlow's Chapel		1					35	52	87		
Berea					1		36	40	76		
Bethlehem	1	1	1		2	1	66	95	161		
Blackwell's Chapel									33		
Burgaw	10	3		1		6	53	62	115	M. C. Walton, J. D. Bowen.	J. D. Hocutt.
Brooklyn	4	12	7	1	1	2	58	106	164	J. L. Vipperman, J. J. Payseur, J. H. Hildreth.	
Caintuck Chapel							67	81	148		
Caswell							28	59	87		
Catherine Lake						1	5	16	21		
Castle Haynes							6	9	15		
Colvin's Creek							6	28	34		
Delgado							8	8	16		
Emma's Chapel				2		2	22	36	58		
Haw Bluff	3	2		4		3	47	65	112		
Jacksonville				2		1	20	21	41		
Long Creek				3	3	5	51	67	118		
Masonboro	14	1	5	3	1	2	48	71	119	R. H. Hewlett.	
Moore's Creek	5	4	1		1		40	44	84		
Mt. Holly				1	2	1	41	69	110		
Olive Branch	19	1					37	45	81		

Olivet							14	29	43	
Providence							16	35	57	
Riley's Creek				4	3	3	62	96	158	
Shiloh							45	65	110	
South Side	8	11	5	2	5	15	64	110	174	C. B. Paul, Levi Bryan, J. W. Wheeler.
Salem	1					2	17	28	45	
Tar Landing		1					7	12	19	
Teachey's										
Wells' Chapel	2	2		1	1	4	107	131	238	
Wilmington	24	21		4	14	15	157	309	466	C. S. Blackwell, A. T. King, J. E. King and J. R. Marshall.
Willard	17	3	3	1	3	1	43	56	99	

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS	Number of Schools	Officers & Teachers.	Number of Pupils.	Average Attendance	Months Open.	Expenses.	Orphanage.	Missions.
Barlow's Chapel	James Andrews	1	5	40	30	12			
Berea	T. W. Stallings	1	5	25	20				
Blackwell's Chapel		1		33	28				
Bethlehem	W. C. Keith								
Burgaw	J. T. Bland	1	4	30	30	12	6.00		10.00
Brooklyn	J. H. McDougall	1	12	125	115	12	104 00		
Caintuck	T. W. Marshall	1	5	67	30	12			
Caswell		1	5	45	30	12	3.60		
Catharine Lake									
Castle Haynes									
Delgado	George E. Leftwich	1	6	35	25	12			
Emma's Chapel	Joseph Saunders	1	6	50	30		2.50		
Haw Bluff	W. H. Barnhill	1	5	40		12	2.50		
Jacksonville	R. P. Hinton	1	5	30	18	12	25.38		
Long Creek	J. F. Herring	1	3	30	25	12	2.16		
Masonboro	B. S. Montford	1	7	79	40	12	25.00	5.00	
Moore's Creek	N. R. Croom	1	4	25		12	3.00		
Mt. Holly	Isaiah Carroll	1	4	40	25	9			
Olive Branch	Mrs. M. E. Horton	1	7	70	30	12	15.41		
Olivet	F. C. Shepard	1	8	28	20	12	1.90		
Providence	J. F. Jones	1	5	35	25	12			
Riley's Creek	W. W. Larkins	1				12			
Shiloh	W. T. Moore	1	4	25	20		5.00		
South Side	J. S. Canady	1	16		90		118.45		
Salem		1							
Tar Landing	D. N. Page	1	4	22	20	12			
Teachey's									
Well's Chapel	L. R. Highsmith	1				12			
Wilmington	C. B. Weeks	2	22	285	175	12	186.00	18.18	
Willards	R. T. Rivenbark	1	3	25		12	4.00		

PASTORS AND CLERKS

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.	TIME OF MEETING.
Barlow's Chapel	M. C. Walton, Burgaw	R. S. Atkinson, Sloop Point	1st Sunday
Berea	O. W. Triplett, Burgaw	Joseph Brooks, Wallace	3rd Sunday
Bethlehem	R. H. Hewlett, Wilmington	W. C. Keith, Keith	1st Sunday
Blackwell's Chapel	J. W. Wheeler, Wilmington	F. J. Dempsey, Wilmington	1st Sunday
Burgaw	M. C. Walton, Burgaw	J. D. Hocutt, Ashton	3rd Sunday
Brooklyn	J. L. Vipperman, Wilmington	A. W. Allen, Wilmington	Twice each Sunday
Caintuck Chapel	R. H. Hewlett, Wilmington	D. J. Corbett, Nat More	2nd Sunday
Caswell	R. H. Hewlett, Wilmington	J. L. Watson, Point Caswell	4th Sunday
Catherine Lake	N. A. Shelly, Catherine Lake	J. Marshburn, Catherine Lake	4th Sunday
Castle Hayne	J. W, Wheeler, Wilmington	Thomas Larkins, Castle Hayne	3rd Sunday
Colvin's Creek		W. G. Harrell, Atkinson	
Delgado	J, W. Wheeler, Wilmington	J. B. Howard, Delgado,	1st and 2nd Sunday
Emma Chapel	N. A. Shelly, Catherine Lake	T. A. Marshburn, Richland's	1st Sunday
Haw Bluff	J. H Dobson, Atkinson	L. C. Boswell, Colly	3rd Sunday
Jacksonville		R. P. Hinton, Jacksonville	
Long Creek		L F. Johnson, Daughton	
Masonboro	J. A. Smith, Wilmington	Addison Hewlett, Wilmington	4th Sunday
Moore's Creek	R. H. Hewlett, Wilmington	W. J. Hollingsworth, Currie	3rd Sunday
Mt. Holly	M. C. Walton, Burgaw	Isaiah Carroll, South Washington.	3rd Sunday
Olive Branch	J. J. Payseur, Atkinson	Thomas K. Woody, Wilmington	2nd Sunday
Olivet	Benj. Ward, Marines	F. C. Shepard, Rocky Point	1st Sunday
Providence	J. R. Marshall, Wilmington	R. H. Bethea, Holly Ridge	2nd Sunday
Riley's Creek	M. C. Walton, Burgaw	J. D. Mahn, Rocky Point	1st Sunday
Shiloh		C. C. Woodcock, Moore's Creek	
South Side	C. B. Paul, Wilmington	J. F. Littleton, Wilmington	Twice each Sunday
Salem	Benj. Ward, Marines	E. Q. Capps, Sneed's Ferry	3rd Sunday
Tar Landing	N. A. Shelly, Catherine Lake	D. N. Page, Tar Landing	4th Sunday
Teachey's	N. B. Cobb, Clear Run	B. P. Teachey, Teachey's	2nd Sunday
Well's Chapel	M. C. Walton, Burgaw	L. D. Highsmith, Bland	2nd Sunday
Wilmington	C. S. Backwell, Wilmington	E. S Lathrop, Wilmington	Twice each Sunday
Willard		W. F. Bowen, Willard	

PLEDGES.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Relief.	Sunday Schools.	Total.
Barlow's Chapel	5.00	10.00	5.00		5.00	5.00	30.00
Berea							
Bethlehem	3.00	5.00	5.00		2.00		15.00
Blackwells Chapel	2 00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00		10.00
Burgaw	2.50	25.00	5.00	5.00	2.50		40.00
Brooklyn	10.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	5.00		35 00
Caintuck Chapel	3.00	15.00	5.00	3.00	3.00		29.00
Caswell	1.00	3.00	3 00		1.00		8.00
Catherine Lake	2.00	2.00	2.00				6.00
Castle Hayne							
Colvin's Creek							
Delgado							
Emma's Chapel	1.00	2 00	2.00				5.00
Haw Bluff	1.00	2.00	1 00	1.00	1.00		6.00
Jacksonville							
Long Creek	1.00	15.00	2.00				18.00
Masonboro	2.00	3.00	5.00		2.00		12.00
Moore's Creek	1.00	4.00	5.00	1.00	1.00		12.00
Mt Holly	2.00	2 00	2.00		1.00		7.00
Olive Branch							
Olivet		2 00	2.00				4.00
Providence							
Riley's Creek	2.00	1.00	2.00		1.00		6.00
Shiloh							
South Side	15 00	20.00	20.00	10.00	5 00		70.00
Salem							
Tar Landing							
Teachey's							
Wells Chapel							
Wilmington	75.00	50.00	25.00		5.00		155.00
Willard							

SOCIETY CONTRIBUTIONS.

CHURCHES.	WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.					B. Y. P. U.	SUNBEAMS.			
	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Gospel Missions.	Orphanage.	Home Missions.	Orphanage.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Other Objects
Jacksonville			1.85							
Masonboro				5.00						
South Side		9 00	6 00		5.00		11.75	5.00	5.00	
Wilmington	21.42	21.42	42.84			10.00				363.05